

# STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

**Name of Lab:** Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory  
5500 E. Tudor Road  
Anchorage, AK 99507

**Date:** June 4, 2009

**Name:** Cheryl Duda

**Job Title:** Forensic Scientist III

**Discipline(s):** Indicate all areas in which you do casework.

DNA

**Education:** List all higher academic institutions attended.

Institution	Dates attended	Major	Degree completed
The Ohio State University	Fall 1992 – Spring 1995	Biochemistry	Master of Science
Wellesley College	Fall 1988 – Spring 1992	Biochemistry	Bachelor of Arts

**Other Training:** List continuing education, workshops, in-service and other formal training received.

Sexual Assault Evidence Workshop	4 hours	Janeice Amick	December 18, 2001
Trace Evidence Collection Workshop	4 hours	Kristen Denning	January 29, 2002
Blood Evidence Collection Workshop	8 hours	Kristen Denning	March 19, 2002
Population Genetics & Statistics Training	4 hours	Abi Chidambaram	March 2002
Applied Biosystems ABI 310 Training	7.5 hours	Kim Bogart	May 16-17, 2002
Quantitative Evidence	2 hours	AK Bar Association	May 17, 2002
Expert Witnesses	1.5 hours	AK Bar Association	May 17, 2002
13 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Human Identification	26 hours	Promega	October 7-10, 2002
Forensic Digital Imaging	24 hours	George Reis	January 6-8, 2003
Winning Courtroom Confrontations	7.5 hours	Val Van Brocklin	April 28, 2003
CODIS Talk: NDIS DNA Data Acceptance Standard	1.5 hours	Chris Beheim	December 10, 2003
Quantitative Methods Using RT-PCR (on-line)	1.5 hours	Stratagene	December 11, 2003
Quantitative PCR Seminar	4 hours	Stratagene	March 5, 2004
Death Investigation Seminar	5 hours	Medical Examiner	August 6, 2004
SWGDM Update and Discussion	8 hours	Steven R. Valdez	October 11-15, 2004
Facial Reconstruction and Forensic Art	8 hours	Steven R. Valdez	October 11-15, 2004
Forensic DNA Technology	8 hours	Steven R. Valdez	October 11-15, 2004
Southwestern Assoc. of Forensic Scientists	8 hours	Steven R. Valdez	October 11-15, 2004
Making Sense of Pop Stats	8 hours	Steven R. Valdez	October 11-15, 2004
DNA Auditor Training	15 hours	Heather Seubert	July 12-13, 2005
Statistical Analysis of Forensic DNA Evidence	30 hours	George Carmody / Ray Wickenheiser	August 15-19, 2005
DNA Grantees Workshop	15 hours	NIJ	June 26-28, 2006
CODIS Training Class	35.5 hours	FBI – Meghan Carlin	March 26-30, 2007
Leicoscope training	3 hours	Andy Lee	July 10, 2007
Performance Coaching	7.5 hours	Tim Parker	September 13, 2007
Academy for Supervisors	35.5 hours	Tim Parker	October 1-5, 2007
NEST Demonstration on Expert Systems	15 hours	Rhonda Roby	December 11-12, 2007
FBI Laboratory: Performing Effective Audits	30 hours	Suzanna Smith	April 21-24, 2008
Expert Witness Testimony Techniques	16 hours	Ron Smith	July 29-30, 2008
National CODIS Conference	30 hours	FBI	November 10-13, 2008
CODIS State Administrators Meeting	11.5 hours	FBI	May 19-20, 2009

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**Courtroom Experience:** List the discipline(s) in which you have qualified to testify as an expert witness and indicate over what period of time and approximately how many times you have testified in each.

DNA Analysis: September 2002 – present, forty-four jury trials.

**Professional Affiliations:** List any professional organizations of which you are or have been a member. Indicate any offices or other positions held and the date(s) of these activities.

None

**Employment History:** List all scientific or technical positions held, particularly those related to forensic sciences. List current position first. Give a brief summary of principal duties and tenure in each position.

- (1) Job Title: Criminalist II-III  
Employer: Alaska State Crime Detection Laboratory  
Principal Duties: DNA casework  
Tenure: November 2002-present
- (2) Job Title: Criminalist I  
Employer: Alaska State Crime Detection Laboratory  
Principal Duties: Training for DNA casework  
Tenure: October 2001-November 2002
- (3) Job Title: Science Teacher  
Employer: Anchorage School District  
Principal Duties: Taught chemistry, biology, and general science courses, grades 9-12  
Tenure: March 2000 – October 2001
- (4) Job Title: Science teacher  
Employer: Hilliard City Schools, Hilliard, OH  
Principal Duties: Taught chemistry, biology, and general science courses, grades 9-12  
Tenure: September 1996 – January 2000

**Other Qualifications:** List below any scientific publication and/or presentation you have authored or co-authored, research in which you are or have been involved, academic or other teaching positions you have held, and any other information which you consider relevant to your qualification as a forensic scientist.

Master's Thesis: *Expression of C/EBP mRNA in mouse mammary epithelial cells*, The Ohio State University

**Publications:**

DeWille JW, O'Rourke J, Duda C, and Yuan R. *Cell cycle regulation of CCAAT/enhancer binding protein isoform expression in COMMA D mouse mammary epithelial cells*. FASEB Journal, Volume 9: A1066, 1995.

Schneider MJ, Lynch JD, Deutsch L, Duda CM, Green JC, and McPeak D. *Iridoid Glycosides of Pedicularis*. Biochemical Systematics and Ecology, Volume 24, Number 7/8: pp. 793-794, 1996.